

California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

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Topic	Group R, Division 2.2.1 and Group R, Division 2.1.1 Occupancies		
Code Section(s)	§1007.6.3.1.1, California Building Code (2001 ed)		
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Does §1007.6.3.1.1 apply to existing single-family units (Group R, Division 3 occupancies) that convert to a Group R, Division 2.1.1 or Division R2.2.1? If so, must the exits be the existing front and back door or can the occupant install a new exit(s) that meet the code and leave the existing doors as is?

Yes. For a Group R, Division 2.2.1, the exits can be the front and back door as long as they meet the requirements of §1007.6.3.2.3 which states, "A means of exit shall not pass through kitchens, storerooms, closets or spaces used for similar purposes." For a Group R, Division 2.1.1, additional exits may have to be provided to comply with the direct or semi-direct requirements of §1007.6.3.2.2 for non-ambulatory clients.